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THE EVANGELIST FOR 1897.

It is to be understood the reduction in the price of the EVANGELIST does not mean any reduction in the value of what we propose to give our readers. No efforts will be spared to give you a better paper for \$1.00 than was formerly given for \$1.50. We are not in the money-making business, and if our readers will act promptly, renew their subscriptions and make an effort to get as many *new* subscribers as possible, at \$1.00 cash, we feel that we can devote more of our time to the editorial work and thus make the paper what it really ought to be. The various departments of the paper will be continued during the coming year. On page 9 will be found a column on "Ways of Working" which we hope to make helpful to all our readers. The Missionary Circle will be represented in the K. C. Department, for which we have already some very interesting matter on hand. We ask all our readers to unite with us in making the year 1897, the best the EVANGELIST has known both financially and in usefulness.

LABORERS TOGETHER.

Paul wrote to the Corinthians, "For we are laborers together with God." *We* are, etc.; not the preacher and a few of the deacons or leaders in the church, but *we*, the members of the church, all who profess to follow the Lord Jesus. Not the men only, but the women also, for Paul declares they have been co-workers with him and have helped him in the Gospel. There is something to do for each one, from the least to the greatest. Christ imposed no duty upon the church, which is not the duty of each individual member of the church. The duty of the church as an organization is equally your duty as a member of it. Then too Paul says we are *laborers*. Do you know what that means? Have you really *labored* for Christ? Have you done any practical work for

him? What? Christianity means service, and without service, it can have no existence. The author and giver of our Holy Religion, was himself a servant. He came, not to be ministered to, but to minister. He went about doing good. His whole life was one of sweet service in the interest of humanity. He who is not willing to be a servant, serving the Master by rendering practical service to humanity, cannot be a disciple of Jesus. "I am among you as one that serves." Again Paul says we are laborers *together*. Here is a lesson we all need to learn. When one is for Apollos, another for Cephas, another for Paul, and so on, the work cannot prosper. We need to work *together*. When the church outlines a work, it becomes every member to stand by and support that work. The children of the world are wiser in their day and generation than the children of light. Political parties cannot always agree as to who shall be their candidate, but when once determined, they *unite* their efforts to elect him. Division means *defeat*. We had an example of it this fall. Shall we learn the lesson and be as wise as politicians? This one thing we need to learn: United effort *deserves* and *wins* success; divided effort, means failure and deserves it.

THE ROSEDALE REVIVAL.

The revival at Rosedale, Pa., conducted by brother R. E. Darling, is still in progress, or was when last heard from. Forty-nine conversions have been reported with prospects for more. Brother Darling is quite young, both in years and in the ministry, but he has already proven himself a workman that needeth not be ashamed. He took charge of the Moxham and Rosedale congregations last spring, having been in school at Ashland the year before. The Lord is greatly blessing his efforts, and the results are certainly very encouraging, both to himself and his people. He has ordered fifty sample copies of the EVANGELIST for distribution, with a view of introducing the paper into every home among these young converts. This is an excellent plan, and will be a great help to the pastor in keeping his flock together. If you can induce your people to subscribe for the EVANGELIST when they unite with the church, you have already strengthened them and fore-armed them against backsliding. Pastors should make an effort to get all new converts to subscribe for the paper.

MORE THAN ONE WAY.

There is more than one way to do missionary work. You can give of your means to support those who are in the field, or you can go into the field yourself which is the sublimest of all giving. But there is yet another way in which a local congregation can do very effective home mission work. In every community there are those who are unsaved. They may live neighbor to members of your church or they may be just across the "line," living neighbor, as it were, to your congregation. Organize a campaign to "bring them in." Extend the boundary of your territory. Suppose you *do* cross the prescribed "geographical lines;" the field is large and the great motive should be to *save souls*. Paul said, "That I might by all means save some." Let this be the one supreme purpose of every saved soul. It is already so. Unless you have an intense yearning for the salvation of your fellow-men, you may well doubt your own salvation. If you have never before made an honest, earnest effort to bring souls to Christ, *do it now*. Begin at "Jerusalem." Tarry until you have received power from on high, and then from your little congregation, as a center, lead out into larger fields of usefulness. Begin at "Jerusalem," but do not stay there. Persecution *drove* the apostles away from Jerusalem; the need of the world, your love for souls should *lead* you away from it. Suppose you form a circle, with your church house in the center, and one mile from each point of the circumference. How many boys and girls within the bounds of this circle who have never been invited to Sabbath-school? How many in this same territory who are not Christians, who do not attend public worship on Sabbath and who have never been invited to do so? Enter upon this work immediately and let not the year 1896 close before you have brought some soul to Christ.

We submit to our readers a mathematical problem: A church of fifty members begins in earnest the work of saving souls. The first year each member succeeds in bringing one soul to Christ. Now there are 100. The next year each one of these hundred succeeds in bringing one soul to Jesus. At this rate what will be the membership of that church at the end of five years? If this plan should exhaust the material within the prescribed circle, extend its bounds, and widen your mission field.